

Please do not expand the LPFM station coverage.

Stations such as K-LOVE play an important part of my day and the loss of this station, as well as others in the same band range, would be a terrible loss.

The Christian stations in the Chicago area are ONU, K-LOVE, WYLL, and WMBI. If I understand the LPFM controversy correctly, LPFM would place all but Moody Radio in jeopardy. Moody Radio cannot alone fill the need for Christian music and ministry in the Chicago area. Moody plays primarily teaching or call-in-shows in the morning and evening hours. The music they play is mostly "sacred" church hymn-type music. You would never hear artists such as Third Day, Petra, or a rap group on their station. WYLL plays WAY too many advertisements, which leaves K-LOVE and ONU. Because ONU is broadcast from Kankakee (i.e. far south of Chicago), reception is not always possible, which of course leaves K-LOVE trying to meet our needs. And, they do a tremendous job at it! I honestly do not know what I would do if we lost K-LOVE.

The station keeps me abreast not only of news stories that are reported in the main-line press, but more importantly, I learn about other issues not covered by the secular press. Listeners are exposed to stories regarding issues such as violence against missionaries, or long before the story broke into the secular press, about the conditions in the Sudan. A listener also hears MANY MANY positive stories. For example, the community is able to hear stories about teenagers that do great and selfless acts, how faith plays a role in our soldier's lives in Iraq, and other acts of kindness and courage. It is on K-LOVE that I often hear about needs (hurricane relief etc) that I can contribute to, to organizations I know I can trust. I hear about volunteer opportunities and community event and concerts. You are also introduced through interviews to many of the artists whose music you enjoy. You are able, therefore, to determine whether after listening to them (and "seeing" what kind of person they are) whether continuing to support the artist, is or is not, a "good" idea. Without this station, I would have no access to this information.

But, the news and stories they present are but a small part of their "greatness." The music plays virtually every day, all day long in my office. Hearing positive lyrics or Bible passages keeps my mind focused on God, His greatness, love, and willingness to help. Working at a police department can transform a person into a negative, critical, and suspicious person. K-LOVE "re-balances" me, reminding me the world is not just full of crooks. Not only does it "re-balance" me, but the song lyrics provide families with a safe haven. Parents wishing to raise their children along Christian values do not have to be concerned that their children are listening to lyrics promoting killing cops, having sex with anyone you want, or other "me" centered ideas.

The fact that they are "listener supported" is also an important reason for why I listen to K-LOVE. When I have the radio on, I want to hear the news and weather, at appropriate times, but mostly, I want to hear MUSIC. I do not want to be bored or annoyed to death with ads for everything from condoms to beer to car insurance. When turning on K-LOVE, a parent can be assured that the child will not be inundated with "you must have 'X'" advertisements, which often causing conflict in the home over those "wants." Finally, parents can feel safe that the news stories and music will have a positive impact on their child's life and will, in general, not compete with the values important to them that they want to instill in their child. Their child might even learn about a need in their community and be encouraged to "do something about it."

I also am a fan of ONU radio and thoroughly enjoy not only their music, but also the football games. Without this station broadcasting, I would be unable to cheer ONU on, as game attendance is rarely possible.

In short, without these stations the community would not hear about many community events and positive news stories, would only hear one type of "spin" (the secular media's views) on news stories, political candidates, or other events. We would have no place to go to listen to positive encouraging contemporary Christian music without spending a fortune on CDs or facing endless advertisements. K-LOVE, ONU and similar radio stations provide a very important role in the community and that

should be protected!